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1. Source states that Kamal HADDAD of the Arab Higher Committee ^{Executive in Lebanon} has received a letter from the Grand Mufti of Palestine, (Hajj) Amin al-HUSAYNI, ~~from Karachi~~, in which the Mufti advises him to remain in Tripoli in order to oppose Fawzi al-QAWUQJI's candidacy for a seat in Parliament in the coming elections. The Mufti authorized HADDAD in this letter to spend Arab Higher Committee money toward this end. He also instructed HADDAD to assist other candidates in order to defeat QAWUQJI.*
2. The Lebanese government has assured HADDAD that it will not grant Lebanese nationality to QAWUQJI.
3. Source adds that after QAWUQJI completed his memoirs a short time ago he turned the manuscript over to a translator for rendering into English and French. It was stolen and was in ~~Amir GHURI's~~ possession for one night. During that time GHURI succeeded in copying it and then sent his copy to Arab Higher Committee headquarters in Cairo. The Committee ^{Executive} is now preparing a reply to the memoirs, to be made public in the event that they are published. The Cairo headquarters has sent a copy of the memoirs to the Grand Mufti in Karachi.

Field Notes:

- Paragraph 1: Kamal HADDAD has been reported in RLB's-2244, 2332, 2353, etc. The Grand Mufti has been reported recently in RLB's-2353, 2375, 2429, etc. For al-QAWUQJI, see RLB's-2009, 2314, 2332, etc. RLB-2314 reported his memoirs and his intention to run in this spring's elections.
- Paragraph 3: GHURI has been reported recently in RLB's-2356, 2358, 2376, etc.

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